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Examiner: P. Szekely

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Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Amendment "A"

Amendment Transmittal

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

PTO-1449 Form, 13 References

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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir,

As required under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b) Applicant submits a statement of the substance of the interview of June 25, 2003.

During the interview, all claims of record were discussed. The prior art of record utilized by the Examiner to reject the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 first and second paragraphs, §103(a) and §102(b or e) was discussed. The general thrust of the principle arguments presented to the Examiner are substantially the same as the arguments presented in Applicants' Amendment "A" submitted herewith. Agreement was not reached with respect to German Patent DE 3247736. The Examiner states that claim 1 of the reference teaches a portion of Applicants' claimed invention. The Applicant stated the reference, when considered as a whole, cannot teach the claimed invention. The Applicants have further considered the reference and have presented additional arguments in the attached amendment.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of granting an interview to Applicants' representative.

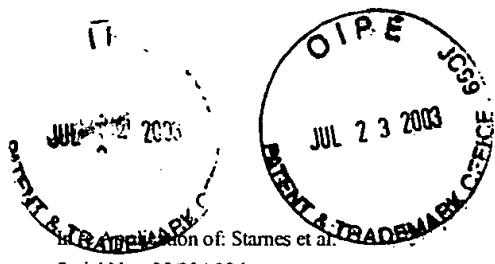
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir,

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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